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1. The airfield north of Povazska Bystrica (N 49-07, E 18-27) has served since 1952 as a practice field for Svazarm members of the Vah Engineering Works (Povazske strojarne) in Povazska Bystrica, and it has also been used for the factory's aero-taxi service. During the summer of 1955 a few bulldozers and some civilian workmen were employed in leveling the ground in the adjoining fields. The local Svazarm was notified officially that during 1956 the airfield will probably be taken over by the Air Force and that there will be no more civilian flying from it.

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1. The landing ground at Povazska Bystrica was adjusted for present purposes between the years of 1951 and 1952 and has since served as practice field for Svazarm members of the Povazske strojarne armament plant. It has also been used for the factory's aero-taxi service. 25X1
2. The airfield is located north of the town of Povazska Bystrica at a distance of about 500 meters from the northern bank of the Vah river. The western boundary is formed by the foothills of Horka (471 meters) and a road leading from Orlove to Povazske Podhradie. To the north and east the airfield merges into the fields. The landing ground is 280 meters above sea level and its outer area is outlined by red and white wooden markers.
3. The surface is grassy and extends 400 meters from east to west and 600 meters from south-west to north-east. In the south-west corner are two temporary wooden hangars and a wind cone.
4. In June 1955 there were two biplanes for towing gliders and six gliders at the airfield.
5. During the summer of 1955 a few bulldozers and some civilian workmen were employed in leveling the ground in the adjoining fields. The local Svazarm has been notified officially that during 1956 the airfield will probably be taken over by the Airforce and that there will be no more civilian flying from it.

